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Applicants : J. Wayne Halfacre et al.  
Application No. : 10/692,995 Confirmation No.: 1745  
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For : SELF-VENTING VALVE  
Group Art Unit : 3754  
Examiner : Frederick C. Nicolas

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith: ☒ Reply to Office Action;  
to be filed in the above-identified patent application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

☒ A fee for additional claims is not required.  
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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	142 - 142*	= 0	X \$ 50	= \$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	6 - 6**	= 0	X \$200	= \$ 0.00
FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM			+ \$360	= \$ 0.00

\* If less than 20, insert 20.

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- [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment of the filing fee is transmitted herewith.
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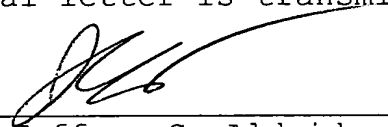
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